

Claim ~~8~~, lines 1-2, replace "any one of Claims 1 to 4" with --Claim 1--.

Claim ~~9~~, lines 1-2, replace "any one of Claims 1 to 7" with --Claim 1--.

Claim ~~13~~, line 1, replace "any one of Claims 10 to 12" with --Claim 10--.

Claim ~~14~~, lines 1-2, replace "any one of Claims 3 and 10 to 13" with --Claim 13--.

Claim ~~17~~, line 1, delete "or Claim 16".

Claim ~~18~~, lines 1-2, replace "any one of Claims 15 to 17" with --Claim 15--.

Claim ~~20~~, line 2, replace "any one of Claims 1 to 19" with --Claim 1--.

Claim ~~21~~, line 4, replace "any one of Claims 1 to 19" with --Claim 1--.

#### REMARKS

Claims 1-23 are active in this application.

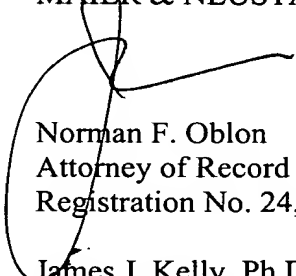
The claims have been amended to remove multiple dependencies. No new matter is believed to have been added to this application by these amendments.

Applicants submit that the present application is ready for examination on the merits.

Early notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

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